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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Dear Sir:

This is filed contemporaneously with a Request for Continued Examination in response to the final Office Action mailed October 31, 2008, in connection with the above-identified U.S. patent application. The three-month period for response expired on January 31, 2009. In light of a request for a two-month extension of time and fee therefor, this response is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.